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Deputies' Meeting

Monday, 30 June 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Wisner, Becker, Hedden, Col. White, []

General Smith:

a. Stated he desired that Messrs. Wisner, Kirkpatrick, Hedden and Colonels White and [] look over the redraft of his paper on "CIA Clandestine Services - Description of Proposed Organization" and furnish him any suggested changes. These changes, however, are to be presented in such a way that they ^{can} be readily compared with the original text.

Mr. Wisner:

b. Noted the item in today's Log concerning [] and stated that our people had, in fact, done an excellent job and this word of praise was well deserving. Mr. Wisner also noted that we had fully coordinated our activities [] during this operation.

Mr. Hedden:

a. Stated that Mr. Mitchell had reported that [] had been indicted without appearing before the Grand Jury and in this connection noted that Colonel Hansen received several telephone calls from newspapermen inquiring as to the reason "the FBI was after us on this case." After some discussion as to what steps, if any, we should take in this matter, the Director asked Mr. Hedden to (1) have a further talk with Mitchell; (2) determine from Mr. Dulles exactly what Attorney General McInerney had said regarding this case; (3) based upon the information gained from (1) and (2) above, make recommendations to him for any further action. The Director stated that in order to avoid future [] incidents he desired that Mr. Becker prepare a memorandum to all concerned which would state that (1) dissemination of information similar to that disseminated on Lattimore would be made only through the Office of Current Intelligence and who will be responsible therefor in accordance with instructions from the DCI; (2) under no circumstances will an officer of this Agency reveal the source of such information be it true or false without first clearing with the Director and, in his absence, the Deputy Director and, in the absence of both, the DD/I. [] noted that there was a memorandum on the Director's desk

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Mr. Hedden (Cont'd.)

for his signature which placed the responsibility for dissemination of information on prominent U.S. citizens on the appropriate Deputy Director, depending upon which office received the information. The Director stated that he desired this responsibility placed with one office and ultimately with a single individual. Mr. Becker noted that the Director's instructions raised the question of the dissemination of OSO reports and asked the DCI for an opportunity to examine this matter further, particularly in view of the fact that he would rather err on the side of "giving out too much rather than too little" even though admittedly the [redacted] situation was mishandled. The Director approved but in so doing stated that (1) it was absolutely necessary for one individual to monitor all the reports in question; (2) if required, he would have no objection to increasing the T/O of OCI to 25X1 handle this matter; (3) in the future, no reports of this nature would be disseminated by the Office of Operations; (4) he was satisfied with the dissemination of information from OSO and, therefore, it would not be necessary for DD/I to coordinate his recommendations with DD/P.

Mr. Becker:

a. Gave the Director a report on the resignation of the Egyptian Prime Minister. The DCI stated that he had discussed the Egyptian Situation with the President and he had indicated that it might be well to hold an Economic Conference there in the near future. After some discussion, Mr. Becker undertook to prepare a paper on this for the DCI.

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